

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

What Has Made Fresno the liveliest Town.

PLAY HATS AND PROSPERITY.

Mrs. Hostrosser Seeks to Interview Gordon Griffith—A Word of Advice to the Poundmaster.

"There is one thing about Fresno that agreeably surprises me," remarked an Eastern visitor yesterday, "and that is the metropolitan air of your business men and other citizens. Your people dress as well here as they do in New York or San Francisco. I counted not less than eight silk hats within the last few minutes as I stood on the corner here."

"I observe, also," added the stranger, "that the majority of your most successful business men are new-comers, like myself, and that, for the most part, they are young men; while there seem to be not very many beyond middle age. I can see in that one of the causes of Fresno's unexpected prosperity. At the present Fresno is not more than three years old, it has been built up by active, enterprising men, who have come from larger cities, bringing with them a new business atmosphere, in which old-bugey cannot live."

"They are imbued with the latest ideas, and they have put these ideas into practical use. That seems to me to be the reason why new-comers, who have been so soon built up in almost every branch in the business part of town, and the together with the fertile country back of you, is what has made Fresno today the liveliest and best town in California for its population."

MRS. HOSTROSSER.

Her Anticipated Conversation With and Pursuit of Gordon Griffith.

The Constable who had the warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Hostrosser, for insanity, could not find her last Tuesday, and she was seen yesterday afternoon riding along Mariposa street on the back of a very sorry-looking pug. She carried in her arms her little girl, to whom she appears to be devotedly attached.

She called upon Lawyer Meux last Monday morning, in a state of great excitement, and demanded that he should begin suit for her at once against the City Marshal and the Sheriff for \$25,000 damages for false imprisonment. The lawyer declined to have anything to do with her case.

"I want you to put it down in writing that you refused to take my case," she demanded impishly.

When the astonished lawyer refused to comply, she turned abruptly to Gordon Griffith, who was standing near by, and said:

"You are a witness to this; do you hear? That he has refused to take my case."

Mr. Griffith declined the honor of being a witness and informed the irate woman that he knew nothing about the affair and did not propose to get mixed up with her in any way.

"You miserable s--- you s---" she hissed at him between her clenched teeth. Then with doubled fist and blazing eyes she advanced upon him threateningly. Mr. Griffith cast one look upon her and then it dawned upon him that she was insane. He did not say "good-by," but got down stairs as fast as he could, with the woman a close second.

He escaped by dodging into a saloon. Mrs. Hostrosser was locked in jail last night, charged with insanity.

AN OBTRUSIVE NUISANCE.

Complaints Against the Pound-Keeper For Exceeding His Duty.

The poundkeeper and his deputies in their efforts to continue the corner on the dog market will find themselves in legal trouble unless they consider the order of their ways and mend them.

On several occasions recently they have gone as far as the city limits and have attempted to lasso dogs whose masters reside out of town.

But a most serious complaint has been made against them, and that is their persistent attempt to catch dogs that were walking along with their owners. A dog, a cow, or a horse, when in the presence of the owner, is not "running at large." Section 673 of the Municipal Laws of the City of Fresno reads as follows:

"The Poundkeeper shall take up and receive into the pound all strays, and all animals, including dogs not having license tags *** found running at large."

The Poundkeeper is an unpopular official—evidently more unpopular than a police tax collector or a pensioner, and a great deal less popular than the average Poundkeeper. To match the ungodly dog from the side of his owner, unmindful of the fact that the animal under these circumstances is not running at large, and therefore not subject to seizure.

A canine brute, wearing a tag may roam all over the city unaccompanied by its master, and the Poundkeeper must not touch him. From this it would appear that the pound law, so far as the canine tribe is concerned, was not made for the purpose of preventing dogs from running at large. If they have tags they are allowed the freedom of the city. The law, in this regard, is designed merely as a means of revenue, and it is one of the most expensive, useless and unpopular means now in existence.

A Regular Room.

The great clearance sale of damaged goods at Wiener's stores has for three days past been drawing immense crowds of eager customers, the stores from early morning till late at night being literally packed with buyers. So great has been the crowd that the police have been forced to close the door and close late, a certain number to enter, the remainder waiting on the street for their turn to get in.

Notwithstanding this inconvenience, the hundreds of customers patiently waited their opportunity, and goods are selling like hot cakes. Much of the stock is in a slightly damaged, but it all goes at the clearance price.

The Chinese Gamblers.

The Chinese lotteries and fan games are running in full blast, but the doors of the fan games are so well guarded by wooden bars inside and watched nocturnally that it is in a matter of great difficulty for the police to make a successful raid

on them. Lottery tickets, however, may be seen at all times on the counters in the shops, and the police would have no trouble in seizing them.

For the information of the authorities The REPUBLICAN has obtained the following list of Chinatown gambling houses, furnished by a responsible person:

The Lee, Lee On, Sung Sing, Keon, Hung San, Goo and King Fook, on G street; Tai Chang, John Fook, Hung Book Co., Hong Fat, Hung Jon, Wing Jon, Sung Jan Goo, Lie Jun, Wah Lin, Hung Fat and Sung Wo, on the Chinatown alleys.

It is stated that the Hung Fat establishment took \$2500 within the past year.

BASEBALL.

The Central California League an Assured Fact.

No young league has ever been organized under more favorable auspices than the Central California. For weeks past the league has been organized and bound, but until yesterday, its actual existence had not been consummated. Early yesterday morning delegates from Merced met in an appearance, while delegates from Bakersfield and Visalia were looked for at noon, but a late train caused a delay of four hours, and the league could not assemble until 6 o'clock.

At that time and in the parlors of the Grand Central, the meeting was called to order by B. F. Young, who briefly stated the object of the meeting and the call under which the delegates were invited to assemble. The following delegations responded: Merced—Robert Helm, J. H. Watson, and M. Zirkle; Visalia—A. Armstrong, J. Wright and J. D. Button; Bakersfield—James E. Kirk, H. Baldwin, and E. A. Young.

On motion of Mr. Helm, Robert Helm was chosen temporary Chairman. Mr. Helm assumed the chair, preceding a few pointed remarks, which at once indicated that Mr. Helm was at home in his position. Mr. Young was chosen Secretary pro tem.

The meeting was then adjourned for luncheon. Each club was allowed several delegations, but restricted to one vote.

The constitution to be adopted was next discussed. With the National League constitution as a guide, this herculean task was somewhat limited. But nevertheless it proved to be a serious matter, as different clubs were favored, or slighted by the adoption of one measure or the other. After making considerable progress the League took a recess until after dinner. On reassembling a constitution was adopted, the main features of which are given below:

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To the insurance company really means war, we hope it will soon be imagined. Hope deferred makes us tired.

PATI gave \$500 to the poor of the City of Mexico. That ought to give her a little look at anything but a ray for Bob Buckley's horoscope on the bay.

The fact of the matter is that San Francisco business men have let the Southern Pacific monopoly weave a mesh of subterfuge about the chief city of the state that will require a great effort to shake off. Other cities have sprung into existence within the past ten years which bid fair to actually outstrip San Francisco in population and wealth in less than a quarter of a century, unless the people of that city wake up and do something for themselves. And yet San Francisco has the greatest opportunities of any city west of Chicago. These opportunities are superior to those enjoyed by Philadelphia, Cincinnati or St. Louis. Still they are permitted to go unimproved. How can a seaboard city expect to build up or maintain a paring table with foreign countries if the local trade is neglected? The first thing for San Francisco business men to do is to develop to its highest state the productive capacity of that section of country naturally tributary to the city. Other lines of communication must be opened up to bring the city and the outlying country closer together. The population of the country should overbalance that of the city, and this population should not be compelled to import cotton and woolen goods, boots and shoes, ready-made clothing, agricultural implements, butter, poultry and eggs, machinery, leather, windows, glass and household furnishing goods from the East. All these things should be produced in California, and those which do not naturally come from the agricultural section should be manufactured in the city.

Fresno juries are winning a place upon the pedestals of fame. A few more verdicts like those of recent date and it will be in order for honest citizens to hang a jury or two.

The Fresno Fire department ought to be provided with 2000 feet of new hose in order to make it possible to get more than one stream upon fire at a distance from water plugs.

Fruit growers have reported no damage as yet to early fruit by reason of frosty weather. Early varieties, such as almonds, apricots and berries, promise larger crops than usual.

The irrigation district problem drags along before the Board of Supervisors.

No question ever sprung upon the citizens of Fresno county ever stirred up such a diversity of opinion.

CARRUS COOK, candidate for Governor of Georgia, is a prominent fruit grower and the inventor of a choice variety of watermelon. The latter distinction will be likely to bring the support of the colored population.

As ambitious young Englishman announces that he will publish a key to Browning's works. It would be a pity to destroy the chief charm to the reader, which consists largely of impossible efforts to understand his productions.

Another private bank has gone to the wall in San Francisco, with liabilities estimated at \$500,000. If the managers were given a permanent job in the San Quentin jute works, it would exert a powerful influence upon the action of others engaged in the business.

Some people in the southern part of the state are coming to their senses. The Riverside Press says Southern California needs 3000 miles more and 10,000 more houses much more than she wants.

Eastern tourists, new railroads or a separate state government.

SAN FRANCISCO laborers claim that the unusual amount of rain this season has made the labor market dull. Eastern manufacturers of winter goods, on the other hand, are complaining of having been afflicated this winter with dandlings and a lack of cold weather.

Not every one would have known that the members of the Kentucky Blue Grass Club were asars, if they had not demonstrated the fact in their reply to Speaker Reed's declination of their invitation to dine. A few in the hands of incompetent writers is a dangerous thing.

One of the best opportunities for investment in California to-day is the establishment of a plant for the lighting of private and public buildings in Fresno with the incandescent system. If the lights were furnished as cheaply as they are in the East, a very large patronage could be secured.

RACE troubles are feared in Oklahoma. Negroes are flocking into the country in large numbers and the white settlers fear that they will soon become an insignificant minority. The settlement of that territory by negroes would give the colored man the opportunity to demonstrate his capability for self-government.

CALIFORNIA cities are coming in for good round sums for public buildings at this session of Congress. This is right. No section of the country is progressing more rapidly than this coast, and no other section is more fully provided with government buildings. Los Angeles gets an increase from \$150,000 to \$450,000, San Francisco from \$500,000 to \$300,000, Sacramento from \$150,000 to \$300,000, Oakland and San Jose the same, while Stockton gets an appropriation of \$75,000 for the purchase of a suitable building site. The Government could save several thousand dollars by buying a site in Fresno at the present time.

The Supreme Court has decided one of the railroad tax cases in favor of the corporation, on the ground that the complaint was defective. The Court holds that the constitution of the state is good, and that the mode outlined for levying and collecting taxes from the railroads is just. All that remains, therefore, is for the state to employ competent attorneys to draw up complaints against all delinquent railroad corporations, and proceed to collect all unpaid taxes. Let this mode of procedure be adopted at once.

PERHAPS facilities for getting California fruits to market in the East would be of great benefit to our fruit growers. The New York Commercial Bulletin is of the opinion that eastern fruits do not equal that produced on this Coast, and in speaking of the competition between the East and West, article, says:

BE UP AND DOING

Some of the daily papers of San Francisco are being forced to notice the gradual transfer of business from that city to other cities on the seaboard, smaller but more enterprising than the monopolized metropolis. A line of steamers has been provided for between Victoria, or the western terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, and China. Henry Villard, President of the Northern Pacific Railroad, is now trying to make arrangements to secure steamers to ply between Tacoma and Hongkong, and it is announced that he has already completed arrangements whereby two steamers will be taken off between San Francisco and Hongkong and transferred to the Tacoma route. These indications, taken with the known negotiations pending between the State, the railroad officials and Friends & Sons, relative to having the vessels of that firm leave the port of San Diego direct for Australia, and to arrive at that place on their return, instead of at San Francisco, make future look anything but rosy for Bob Buckley's horoscope on the bay.

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The product of our mines, of our grain fields and our orchards and vineyards is not sufficient to keep the people of the whole state in a prosperous condition.

The country cannot produce enough wealth to keep one-half the population in idleness. It is time that those who reside in the cities, and who depend upon commissions made out of the rural population, were coming to understand this fact.

There are several terminal points in the state already outside of San Francisco. Other will be established in the near future. Every terminal shipping point created is another nail in the coffin of San Francisco's business property. It therefore stands the people of that city in hand to begin the working out of their own salvation. Another, and a strong, rival line of communication with the Eastern States is necessary to save San Francisco from continued business stagnation. It is time for her capitalists to be up and doing. They must come out of their shells and scrape the mud off each other's backs. Tacoma, San Diego and Portland are in the field for business. They will each win a share, and they will each take a share naturally belonging to San Francisco unless the people and the press of the metropolis develop energy enough to hold it. They can only hold what they have by holding to it. Cities are like individuals—they win business by serving it. San Francisco's salvation lies in the hands of her own citizens.

VULGAR CHICAGO.

The Evening Standard newspaper of London says that the World's Fair is held by the choice of Chicago, and that Chicago is "a vulgar town at best."

Chicago is truly not aristocratic according to the London idea. Its citizens are affected with a spirit of vulgar western enterprise, which is not at all in keeping with the dignity and parsimony of genteel aristocracy. It can boast of but little noble blood and its common people have not and probably are not capable of producing anything so truly classical as a royal Cleveland street quartet. But Americans are accustomed to vulgarity, and cannot be expected to abhor it as do our friends who are in the habit of hobnobbing with dukes, lords, earls and such things.

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DEFEATED JUSTICE

Since about the 1st of last July, of 1878, there has existed in a building owned by W. W. Phillips at 10th and J. street, in this city, a building situated between Mariposa and 10th streets, on the east side of J. street, less than half a block from the office. The said building is two stories high, was rented by Mr. Phillips & Son, who ever since have been an undertaking men. Messrs. Phillips & Son, left the upper story to one Alvin C. et al., who has, since the 1st of last July, kept a notorious dive, where prostitutes occupied rooms as lodgers, and where liquor has sold without city, county or state license. On or about the 1st of July last some of these facts were known to the keeper of the "Birds" loose. That a jury could disagree where the evidence was so clear and conclusive, reveals a deplorable state of affairs in the community where the case was tried. When good citizens of Modena volunteered their services to the woman would be cleared, or that the jury would hang, we were of the opinion that such expressions were only made in jest or without due consideration of any evidence likely to be introduced; when the well-known political boss of that section of the county boasted that she would be cleared, because Tim Kehrenbach had written her and her business up, we thought that he only expressed his personal animosity toward this paper for having shown him guilty of disgraceful conduct some months ago. But by putting all these circumstances together it is hard to arrive at any other conclusion than that Modena people, as a community, would do an act of gross injustice to a neighbor community, and to themselves, for the purpose of "getting even" on somebody for a real or imaginary wrong, either intentionally or thoughtlessly committed at some previous and uncertain date. We were told by a citizen of Modena that there was a prejudice existing in that community against Fresno, against Negro people, and against the negroes who are soliciting funds for Parnell and other leaders of the Home Rule party in the British Isles.

People are making an easy living on the deluded subscribers who contribute to a part of their hard-earned wages. The class of people who are constantly importunate to help Dear Old Ireland need their money far more than the Irish leaders across the sea. And if they do not there are unfortunate wretches near at hand who do need and who would appreciate this money or other assistance. The destination now prevailing in San Francisco is deserving of more attention than the trials of the people of this state than the cause of Ireland. As American citizens our first duty is to ourselves and our neighbors. Hunger and thirst demand attention before politics. If the State Board of Equalization would interfere with the conviction of any person guilty of an offense against this community or against the better element of it. The action of the jury in the Alvin Jewett case has proved the correctness of those assertions.

Now what the people of Fresno are most interested in is knowing how that sentiment was created. Who is responsible for it? Are we to understand that Modena as a community is so jealous of Fresno's progress and enterprise that as a community we cannot secure justice at the hands of our neighbor? Or was it a political pull on the part of Mr. Buckley's lieutenant on the north side of the river? The people of Fresno entitled to know the truth in the matter, and the people of Modena, we believe, are frank enough to tell it.

A HOPEFUL SIGN.

It is reported that a company of Eastern capitalists have purchased 1400 acres of land in Contra Costa county, where they propose to erect a great meat-packing establishment, the company having a working capital of \$2,000,000. We sincerely hope that the report is founded on fact, and that the establishment will soon be in working order. The tract of land secured by the agent of the company has a frontage on the bay and extends well back toward the adjacent foothills, and is admirably adapted for the purpose intended. A working capital as large as the sum specified will enable the company to reach out over the entire coast from Hwy. 101, and its operations will, no doubt, exert a favorable influence on the price of cattle and hogs.

Stock-raising has been in a very unprofitable and unsettled condition for several years past, due principally to the change from wild range, where the hounds were allowed to run at will, to fenced pasture or cultivated fields, the expense of which is out fed to the stock in a systematic manner. The stock-raiser of twenty years ago does not take kindly to the new order of things. There is too much work attached to it. And yet the stock-raiser of to-day will make more clear money out of 100 acres of alfalfa pasture land than one engaged in the same business twenty years ago could make off from a whole township of such range or pasture land as was then utilized. Stock-raiser will not reap all the benefit from the establishment of a great meat-packing concern in California, however. Many witnesses were summoned to appear both for the prosecution and the defense. Men who are engaged in business did not wish to be connected with the case in any way. Young men who have parents, sisters and sweethearts in the community, and yet who had been guilty of visiting the dive in the Phillips building and giving Alvin Jewett notice to close his house and remove within a given number of days or he would arrest her in accordance with his instructions from the Grand Jury. The woman defied him, hired him to arrest her, at the same time telling the Constable that if she were arrested she would write a letter to the Constable's wife, in which it would be asserted that Johnson had been a frequent visitor to the house together with other alleged facts. Under this intimidation Constable Johnson did not see proper to make the arrest as he declared he would, so the warrant was turned over to Constable Morgan, who arrested the keeper of the house. She was brought before Justice Hogue and the trial set for hearing. Many witnesses were summoned to appear both for the prosecution and the defense. Men who are engaged in business did not wish to be connected with the case in any way. Young men who have parents, sisters and sweethearts in the community, and yet who had been guilty of visiting the dive in the Phillips building were in some distress for fear they would be exposed. Even some married men were found to be in the same predicament. Working upon the fears of such men as were within her power the defendant exerted a powerful influence to break down the prosecution. The Justice before whom the case was called was threatened, the Deputy District Attorney and every person connected with that office were threatened with death if certain witnesses were summoned in the case, and in various ways the ends of justice were frustrated.

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Robert Perrin returned from San Francisco last evening.

William Mose is building a fine residence in Belvoir addition.

Miss Maude Mae of Madero is the guest of friends in Fresno this week.

Members of the Y. M. C. A. orchestra will please meet at Y. M. C. A. hall this evening.

The \$90 Social Club will give its regular party at the Hughes Hotel next Friday evening.

C. Kennedy paid a fine of \$750 yesterday in Justice Hogue's Court, for disturbing the peace.

Miss Anna Kaufman of San Francisco arrived last evening on a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. F. Weaver.

Milton Hull, formerly manager of the Hughes Hotel, is up from Bakersfield on a visit to friends.

Robert Maxwell, George Bates and Thomas Leonard of Raymond are in the city for a few days, attending Court.

Dr. Hopkins, who has been in San Francisco as a witness in the contempt case of Mrs. Terry, returned yesterday morning.

Rev. and Mrs. John Alex Davis have rented the Steeple Day Adventist Church on Mariposa and G streets. See advertisement.

A report was current yesterday afternoon that a child 2 years old had fallen into the ditch about the Fresno Flouring Mill and was deceased. Diligent inquiry failed to verify the rumor.

A letter was received by a gentleman in this city yesterday from T. L. Greel, who is now in Santa Rosa, stating that A. M. Darwin, a large property-owner in this country, was lying dangerously ill in that city.

Any person having purchased or received in pawn a valuable pair of cuff buttons from a stranger within the past few days will be rewarded by returning or leaving word concerning their whereabouts at this office.

Hiram Schell, who was indicted by the Grand Jury for perjury, alleged to have been committed in a suit before Justice Wooley last January, was yesterday given until next Friday in which to plead by Judge Campbell.

Sachs & Heringer removed their stock of goods yesterday from I street to their new and elegant quarters in the Walker building on Mariposa street. The firm intend that "The Leaders" shall not only maintain the old-time excellent reputation, but continue to improve.

Justice Wooley issued a warrant on the complaint of Constable Monga last evening, charging Alma Jewett with keeping a house of ill-fame in the Phillip building on J street. She was arrested, and gave bail for her appearance.

The Deputy Sheriff of Tulare county arrested a man in San Francisco on Monday—for grand larceny, in taking a valuable horse that did not belong to him, and the other for felony, in forgery of a check. He passed through Fresno with two prisoners yesterday morning.

Say Your Peaches.

Recent reports from the Eastern states indicate that the early warm weather and later frosts destroyed nearly the entire crop of peaches east of the Missouri river.

It is a well-known fact that the Eastern market was never so nearly destroyed by dried fruit as at the present time. The heavy frosts in some portions of California have ruined the chances for a crop on submerged trees.

It is evident therefore that all kinds of dried stone fruits will be in great demand the coming season, and it would be well for our Fresno orchardists to pay the strictest attention at once to their trees. There is plenty of time yet to train, prune and properly care for the ladies. Don't these papers tell us all about it?

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BERNHARD'S BANQUET.

Champagne Flowed Like the Milk Ditch.

A GOOD JOKE ON LAWYER GRADY.

How E. J. Griffith Captured a Democratic Convention by Advocating Riparian Rights.

Paul F. Bernhard, the able industrial and incorruptible Deputy District Attorney, was a happy man yesterday. He received the reward of his long term of diligent study by being admitted to the bar.

Judge Campbell appointed District Attorney Tupper, Newman Jones and E. P. Edwards as the examining committee, and they did not let the applicant off with any very easy questions. He clearly showed that he had used his best advantage and answered satisfactorily and now, and their decision was prepared to him.

In the evening he gave a banquet to a few friends at the execrable Feron's. Chang also dined there, and the air was filled with the suppressed mirth of good men. Mr. Bernhard, a tall, good-looking man, is a Napoleonic type, which includes stalwartness of physique, and his backbone is made of chilled steel. Among those who honored their hosts in prayer toward the local gods, W. D. Parker, H. C. Parker, H. H. Webb, E. P. Edwards, Newman Jones, H. A. King, Reed B. Terry and others too speechless to mention.

A REVERSE STROKE.

Mr. Bernhard, in response to the test, "The Imperial Spirit of the Supreme Bevillable Blackstone," made a neat speech in which he said that the burden asked him by the examining committee was:

"Is hereditary sterility a cause for divorce?"

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The Directors are George Schwinn of Hanford, Moritz Simon and Edward D. Vogelgesang of Huron, D. A. McLaughlin, Charles Parrott and Edward Lynch of Fresno. The company have taken up a square mile of oil strata ten miles northwest of Huron, and began sinking a shaft a few days ago. To their surprise and delight they encountered petroleum at a depth of eight feet. The oil comes into the bottom of the shafts, and may be readily boiled out with a dipper. Samples were brought to this city and were pronounced by experts to be of first-class.

The company have sent out for two well-known system experts, and as soon as they arrive and pass judgment on the best method of proceeding, we shall be in a position to generate the oil, a portion of the fund prepared will be of inestimable value to Fresno. This industry will be another gem in the chapter of Fresno county's wonderfully varied resources.

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DEMOCRATIC TEARS.

"Now," continued the speaker, "riparian rights were just what the farmers didn't want, but the Democrats from Squaw Gulch knew that he was promising something, and they whooped it up for the Democratic tenebrot.

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